# THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

**Saturday, 18th July 1953.**

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

## I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

## SHORT NOTICE STARRED QUESTION.

*Special Officer for the proposed Andhra State.*

* 647-A *Q.*—SRI C. V. K. RAO: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Central Government have informed the Madras Government about the appointment and duties of a Special Officer for Andhra; and

(*b*) when he will resume his work?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" (*a*) & (*b*) Technically no. But I have received a personal intimation from the Prime Minister, and so also has the Governor received, about the appointment. There is also a press note to that effect issued from Delhi. His function will be as mentioned in the press note, which the hon. Member has no doubt read. That is to say, he will be available for all consultations and other steps necessary for the formation of the new State of Andhra on October 1, 1953. His present appointment as Special Officer is intended to expedite the administrative arrangements. But this is only, as I said, my understanding of the press note. Probably early in August and perhaps even earlier also, he will take up his work. Even this is my expectation. I have not had any official information about his programme."

SRI C. V. K. RAO:—" Did the Madras Government ever ask the Centre to appoint a Special Officer?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" The intention of the Government of India to appoint a Special Officer was known to me, and I recently wrote to them that they might expedite it."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN:—" Was the State Government consulted in regard to the fixation of headquarters of the Governor of the Andhra State in Madras City?"

## STARRED QUESTIONS.

*Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition.*

* 648 *Q.*—SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state how many Agricultural and Industrial exhibitions have been conducted in the State and in how many of them the District Agricultural Departments participated and was awarded prizes or meritorious certificates?